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Patrick E. Patterson

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For: **TRACKING ELECTRONIC
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In response to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2007, Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a "Prior" Patent 7,127,515 for the above-reference patent application. A payment in the amount of \$65.00 is being submitted herewith to cover the Terminal Disclaimer fee. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and that the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer be entered of record in the present application and that the double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

Please charge any deficiencies including any required extension of time and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

Respectfully submitted,

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